

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS



Summer - 2012



National Night Out

*The 29th annual America's
night out against crime*

It is that time of year again; time to celebrate our crime prevention efforts. There is no better way to celebrate than the 29th annual "National Night Out:"

1. The date for National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7th.
2. The time for National Night Out is 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m.
3. The purpose of National Night Out is to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, sending a message that we are strong and organized against crime. So, turn on your porch lights, come out of your house and get together with your neighbors!

If you would like to participate in National Night Out this year, here is what you do:

1. **Plan** a community gathering in your neighborhood (please do not plan an event in the public street).
 - a. Barbeque
 - b. Volleyball game
 - c. Potluck
 - d. Etc.
2. **Invite** your neighbors and work together toward a successful event.
3. **Register** your event with the police department by e-mailing jodee.sasway@carlsbadca.gov. We will need to know:
 - a. Your name, address and phone number.
 - b. The address of your event.
 - c. What type of event you are planning.
 - d. How many people plan to attend your event (particularly how many children)?
4. **Partner** with the police department:
 - a. The police department will stop by your event and chat with the residents and kids.

Is your browser secure?

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Paying Safely

Tips for safely purchasing online

Take steps to make sure your transactions are secure and your personal information is protected. Take action to recognize, avoid and report a scam.

1. **Use a secure browser.** Software that encrypts or scrambles the purchase information you send over the internet. Be sure your browser has the most up-to-date encryption capabilities by using the latest version available from the manufacturer.
2. **When submitting** your purchase information, look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar and the phrase "https" in the URL address for the website.
3. **Check the site's privacy policy** before providing any personal financial information. Determine how the information will be used or shared with others. Also check the site's statement about security.
4. **Keep personal information private.** Don't disclose your address, telephone number, Social Security number, bank account number or e-mail address until you know who is collecting the information, why they are collecting the information and how they are going to use it. There is almost never a good reason to give out your Social Security number.
5. **Give payment information only to businesses you know and trust.**
6. **Don't download files** sent to you by a stranger. Don't click hyperlinks from people you don't know.
7. **Keep records** of your online transactions and **review your statements** for errors or unauthorized purchases.



Who's at Your Front Door?

It might not be who you think.

When you hear your door bell ring, it might not always be a solicitor. Your first thought might be to ignore whoever is at the door but that might not always be the best approach.

The problem is a burglar might be ringing the doorbell just to see if you are at home. Next thing you know, you might see the person in your backyard or in your garage. If they make it inside your house, you have a bigger problem; you might be at home with a burglar.

Most burglars don't want to encounter the homeowner. This is why they ring the bell. So, don't open the door to a stranger but say "no thank you" through the door and then walk away. If you are part of a Neighborhood Watch group, you can call your neighbors and have them keep an eye on the person as they progress down the street. If the person does not go away, or if they start to behave suspiciously, call the police department.

Have a "Family Emergency Plan" for getting out of the house in any type of emergency.

The best time to call the police department is when suspicious activity is taking place. Calling the police department now or 10 to 15 minutes later can make all the difference between the police officer contacting the suspicious person and or missing them.

Also, get into the habit of locking your doors when you walk into your house. So, even when you are at home, a burglar cannot just walk into your house. This includes the door from outside into your garage and the door from the garage into your home. Further, don't leave your garage door standing open. It is easy to walk in and walk out with your property.

Finally, teach children (that are old enough to stay at home alone) what to do if the doorbell rings. Give them a list of trusted neighbors they can call for help. Always have a "Family

Emergency Plan" for getting out of the house in any type of emergency and rehearse the plan with your children. Teach them how to call the police department and have a list of important phone numbers handy.

For more home security tips go to www.carlsbadca.gov/crime-prevention.

Keeping the "Amuse" in Amusement Park



Family safety tips.

Theme parks are a great place for family fun. Take time and talk to your kids about safety *before* you arrive at the park. A few minutes of advance preparation can make your outing more enjoyable and safer for the whole family.

Before you leave:

- Talk to your kids about basic safety skills like paying attention to where they are, not wandering off, what is a stranger, the "Buddy System," and how to call for help.
- Create a plan to meet in a specific location should anyone become separated; a good place is the closest Help/Information Center.
- Teach kids to check first before accepting prizes or gifts from anyone.
- Teach kids to tell you if anyone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Teach children to run-away and yell, "This person is not my father (mother)!" if someone tries to take them away.
- Make sure kids never wear clothing or carry items that display their names.

At the park:

- Get a map of the park and immediately show your kids where the Help/Information Centers are located.
- Give examples of people who can help (park personnel, mothers with children, etc.) if they become lost.
- Have children carry some form of identification and emergency contact information with them.
- Pay attention to where your kids are and who they are with at all times.
- Accompany young children on rides.
- Accompany children to restrooms.
- Report suspicious or inappropriate activity immediately.
- Immediately report your child missing if you become separated.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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